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New Delhi, Aug 13 (PTI) India today described as "regrettable" the action of the **U S Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** in putting the country on its "watch-list" along with Cuba and Afghanistan due to alleged rising communal violence.

"India, a country of 1.1 billion people, is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society.....Aberrations, if any, are dealt with promptly within our legal framework under the watchful eye of an independent judiciary and a vigilant media," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash said.

It is "regrettable", he said while responding to a question about USCIRF's action.